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Abstract: "In order to reuse software, there needs to be software to reuse[12]." One of the dilemmas that has prevented software developers from reusing software is the lack of software artifacts to use or the existence of artifacts that are difficult to integrate. Domain-Specific Software Architectures (DSSAs) have been proposed [7] in order to address these issues. A DSSA not only provides a framework for reusable software components to fit into, but captures the design rationale and provides for a... ([Update](#))

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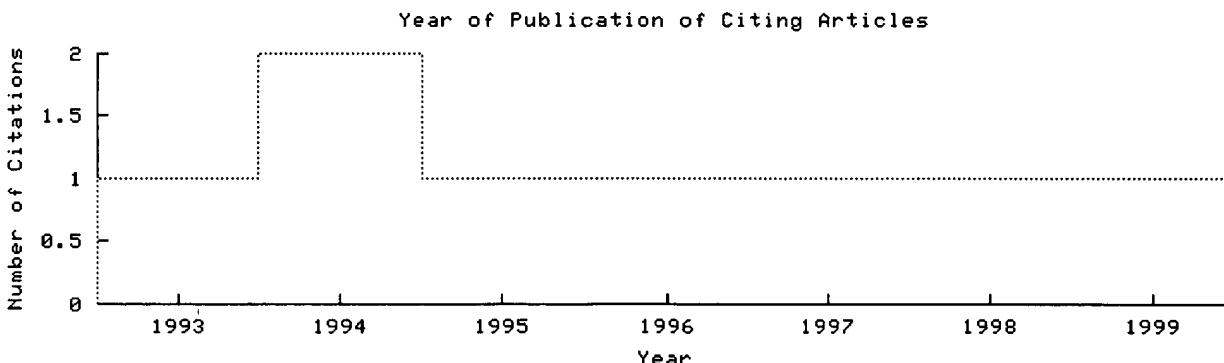
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Design of Software System Based on Axiomatic Design

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Abstract

The ability to utilize the fully automated flexible manufacturing systems (FMS) or develop a reliable computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM) system will depend on our ability to develop reliable and reusable softwares for large complex systems on a timely basis. To date, software design has not gone beyond the *ad hoc* trial-and-error stage. Consequently, the development of software is slow, expensive, unreliable, and unmanageable. The purpose of this paper is to provide a scientific basis for designing software. The approach used here is the axiomatic design, which is based on two design axioms: the Independence Axiom and the Information Axiom. The axiomatic approach is based on the recognition of the following common elements in design: the existence of independent domains (i.e., the consumer domain, the functional domain, the physical domain, and the process domain); the need to map between various domains during the design process; the decomposition of the characteristic vectors (i.e., functional requirements, design parameters, and process variables) in their respective domains; the zig-zagging required between the domains for decomposition; and the need to satisfy the design axioms during the design process. The axiomatic approach discussed in this paper provides decision making tools for software design in addition to systematic means of knowledge and data representation, synthesis and analysis of software, and the construction of the module-function structure diagram.

Key words: Software, Design, Axioms.

Introduction

As computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM) is widely used by industrial firms, the reliability and cost of software will become increasingly important. This is a serious issue since the current state of software technology is still in the realm of an art, notwithstanding significant advances made in software technology in the form of SADT (1), YDM (2), Object-Oriented Software (3), and others (4, 5). As a result, the software development cost is high and even worse, the software maintenance cost is several times greater. Moreover, many softwares developed under government sponsorship cannot be used because they do not perform the intended functions. It is very difficult to change software, since one change affects many functions that should not be affected.

If the current state of software technology persists, the adoption of CIM will ultimately be limited by the cost, reliability, and flexibility of the software system rather than by the hardware cost (6). Therefore, it is imperative that systematic methodologies for software design be developed to systematize software development, to shorten the time for software production, to simplify the maintenance procedure, and to establish the rational foundation for software engineering. These objectives can only be achieved if the science base for software engineering can be established.

In this paper, a conceptual framework for software design is presented based on the design axioms (7). The axiomatic approach differs significantly from various methodologies used in software engineering in several important respects. First, it recognizes the existence of three or more design domains (e.g., consumer domain, functional domain, physical domain, and process domains) in software design. Second, the design process requires mapping between these domains. Third, each domain has a characteristic vector which can be decomposed to establish a hierarchical tree. Fourth, the decomposition process requires zig-zagging between the two adjacent domains. Finally, there are two design axioms which the mapping process must satisfy in order to create an acceptable software system. In short, the axiomatic design of software provides the conceptual frame, the criteria for acceptable software systems, and a methodology for software development.

In the past, these design axioms were applied primarily to the design of hardware, manufacturing processes, and organizations, although the applicability of the design axioms to software design was always assumed (7). The design axioms provide criteria for good designs, enable the selection of proper design parameters, the rapid evaluation of a large number of plausible ideas, and the selection of the best solution from among the acceptable options. The design axioms were applied to different kinds of problems, generating an impressive set of creative design solutions. This paper is the first of a series of papers which will be written on software design through the application of the design axioms.

Throughout the history of humanity, axioms have played significant roles in the development of mathematics (e.g., Euclidean geometry), and sciences (e.g., thermodynamics and mechanics). In this sense, the application of the design axioms is just another historical development. In the next section, the key concepts of the axiomatic approach to design will be briefly reviewed. A more comprehensive treatise of the axiomatic design is given by one of the authors (7, 8) elsewhere.

Review of the Key Concepts of Axiomatic Design

The design process consists of several steps:

- 1) Establishment of design goals to satisfy a given set of perceived needs;
- 2) Conceptualization of design solutions;
- 3) Analysis of the proposed solution;
- 4) Selection of the best design from among those proposed;
- 5) Implementation.

These activities occur between and in different design domains.

The design domains are illustrated in Figure 1. The consumer domain is where customer needs reside. These customer needs must be mapped into the functional domain where the customer needs are translated into a set of functional requirements (FRs), which constitute a characteristic vector. These FRs are then mapped into the physical domain, where the design parameters (DPs) are chosen to control/satisfy the FRs. The DPs in the physical domain are mapped into the process domain in terms of the process variables (PVs). In the case of software design, the process domains are in the form of subroutines, operating systems, compilers and so forth. Therefore, there can be many subdomains in the process domain, depending on the number of subroutines, and sub-subroutines. The term

"space" is defined in this paper to represent subdomains. PVs in different spaces provide inputs to the physical domain.

The relationship between the domains is that the domain on the left is "what we want" and the domain on the right is "How we will satisfy what we want". Going from one domain to another is called mapping which is the synthesis phase of the design process.

Another important concept in axiomatic design is the fact that in each domain there exists a hierarchy. For example, in the functional domain, the FRs can be decomposed and formed into a hierarchy. However, the decomposition in each domain cannot be made independent of the hierarchies in other domains. In fact, in order to decompose a given FR at a given level of the FR hierarchy, we must first move over to the physical domain and conceive a design solution which is characterized by a set of DPs, and then move back to the functional domain and decompose the FR. This is illustrated in Figure 2. Therefore, the concept of decomposition and hierarchy is closely related to the concept of zig-zagging between domains to proceed with the decomposition from one level to the next lower level.

Finally, the most important concept in axiomatic design is the existence of the design axioms, which must be satisfied during the mapping process to come up with acceptable design solutions. The first design axiom is known as the Independence Axiom and the second axiom is known as the Information Axiom. They are stated as follows:

Axiom 1	The Independence Axiom Maintain the independence of functional requirements
Axiom 2	The Information Axiom Minimize the information content

The first axiom provides the criterion for acceptable design during the mapping process. The "product" design which is the mapping process between the functional domain and the physical domain can be represented by a design equation as:

$$[FRs] = [A] [DPs] \quad (1)$$

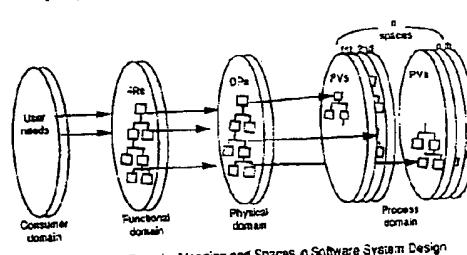


Fig. 1 Concept of Domain, Mapping and Spaces in Software System Design

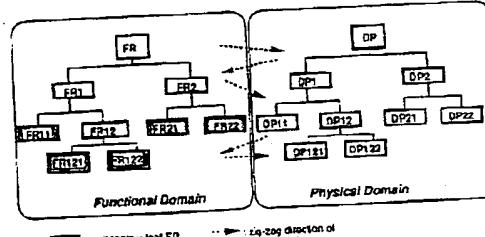


Fig. 2 Hierarchical Tree Structures of Functional Requirements and Design Parameters.

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where $\{FR_i\}$ is a vector that describes the functional requirements of the product in terms of its independent components FR_i ; $\{DP_i\}$ is a vector that describes the parameters that define the product in terms of its effect on $\{FR_i\}$; $[A]$ is a product design matrix. The elements of the product design matrix, A_{ij} , are given by

$$A_{ij} = \frac{\partial FR_i}{\partial DP_j} \quad (2)$$

which is a constant in linear design. In this case, the design window is infinitely large. In order to satisfy the Independence Axiom, $[A]$ must be a diagonal or triangular matrix. The design that has a diagonal matrix is called an uncoupled design. When it is triangular, it is a decoupled design, which also satisfies the design. When it is triangular, it is a decoupled design, which also satisfies the Independence Axiom, provided that DP_i are changed in a specific sequence. All other designs are coupled designs.

A similar equation can be written for mapping between the physical and the process domains as:

$$\{DP_i\} = [B] \{PV_i\} \quad (3)$$

where $[B]$ is a process design matrix and $\{PV_i\}$ are the vector that describe the process variables in the process domain. The elements of the $[B]$ matrix are partial derivatives of DP_i with respect to PV_i . $[B]$ matrix must be again either diagonal or triangular to satisfy the Independence Axiom. Equation (3) can be substituted in Eq. (2) to relate $\{FR_i\}$ to $\{PV_i\}$ directly.

The information content is defined in terms of the probability of successfully achieving FR_i or DP_i , depending on whether the design is for product or for process. Information is defined as

$$I_i = \log_2 \left(\frac{1}{p_i} \right) \quad (4)$$

where p_i is the probability of achieving the functional requirement FR_i . When there are n FR_i we must satisfy, the best design is the one with the least information content, i.e.,

$$I_{\min} = \min \left(\sum_{i=1}^n I_i \right) \quad (5)$$

In any design situation, the probability of success is given by what the designer wishes to achieve in terms of tolerance (i.e., design range), and what the system is capable of delivering (i.e., system range). As shown in Fig. 3, the overlap between the designer-specified "Design Range" and the system capability range, "System Range", is the region where the acceptable solution exists. Therefore, in the case of uniform probability distribution function, Eq. (4) may be written as:

$$I = \log_2 \left(\frac{\text{System Range}}{\text{Common Range}} \right) \quad (6)$$

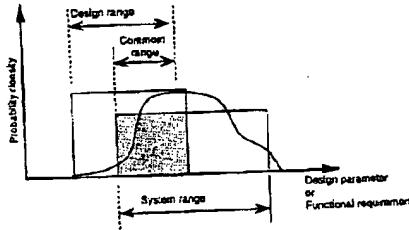


Fig. 3 Probability distribution of a system parameter. The curved line is for the case of non-uniform p -distribution. In the case of a "product design", the system parameter is the FR to be achieved, whereas in the case of a "process design", it is the DP which must be controlled through the proper choice of PV . In the case of software design, PV s may be in the form of subroutines.

In design, there are always constraints. Constraints are similar to functional requirements at a given level of design hierarchy, except that they do not have to be independent of FR_i or other constraints. Sometimes, constraints propagate from the process domain to the product domain to the functional domain.

These concepts will now be applied to software design.

Axiomatic Software System Design

Domains and Spaces

There are three or more domains in the axiomatic design world. The design procedure involves mapping and interlinking between the two adjacent domains in which the "what we want" and "how to achieve what we want" are stated. Software conceived in the physical domain, which must be characterized in terms of DP_i . Once a set of DP_i are chosen to satisfy the FR_i , the acceptability of the solution can be checked in terms of the Independence Axiom. Some DP_i can be further mapped

The first step is to put the users' need of a software in the form of a set of FR_i in the functional domain. Then the creative process sets in: a design solution must be conceived in the physical domain, which must be characterized in terms of DP_i . Once a set of DP_i are chosen to satisfy the FR_i , the acceptability of the solution can be checked in terms of the Independence Axiom. Some DP_i can be further mapped

into different spaces of the process domain following a similar procedure. For example, different subroutines can be developed in different spaces of the process domain, which define (or determine) the corresponding DP_i . Different compilers and different operating systems may also reside in different spaces.

Hierarchical Structuring and Decomposition

The design of software system consists of an FR (Functional Requirement) hierarchy in the functional domain and a DP (Design Parameter) hierarchy in the physical domain. FR_i s are the outputs of a software and DP_i s are the key inputs to the software which can characterize/control the FR_i s. The software code is a set of design matrices which transform DP_i s to FR_i s at each level of the hierarchy. Therefore, the generation of the hierarchical trees of FR_i s and DP_i s of a software system constitutes the design process. This is done through mapping between the relevant domains.

The design process requires the successful transformation of "what" into "how" between the two hierarchical trees at each level. By zig-zagging the two domains, FR_i s and DP_i s are decomposed to develop the hierarchical tree structure. The mapping process begins with the definition of top-level FR_i s in the functional domain. A set of DP_i s are then selected in the physical domain to meet the specified FR_i s without violating the Independence Axiom. Ideation and analysis procedures are performed at each level of mapping from the FR to the DP domain. When the design solution cannot be finalized or completed by the selected set of DP_i s, the FR_i s need to be decomposed further. In defining the FR_i s at the next level lower, the DP_i s already selected will limit the allowable set of lower level FR_i s. The lower level FR_i s are a subset of many possible FR_i s, which are chosen within the constraints created when the specific DP_i s are selected. The following example shows how the decomposition process can be executed.

Consider a library software system, the task of which is to assign a call number to a new incoming book, update the keyword database, and process a search query without missing any single book which is relevant to the query. (Fig. 4)

STEP 1: $FR_i \rightarrow DP_i$
The functional requirements (FR_i) of the library software system are specified to meet the user needs as follows;

FR1 = Generate the DB (call number + keyword data base) for new incoming books
FR2 = Provide a list of references upon a search query using subject keywords only

At first, a DP_i is selected to fulfill the FR1. Then, a DP_i that satisfies the FR2 but does not affect the FR1 should be selected to create an uncoupled or at least decoupled design (8). An appropriate set of design parameters (DP_i) that meet the FR_i s may be chosen as:

DP1 = Content of the book
DP2 = Set of subject keywords

The design matrix at this level is a triangular matrix which indicates that the design is a decoupled design, i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} FR1 \\ FR2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} DP1 \\ DP2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

where X represents a non-zero element, and 0 represents a zero element.

STEP 2 & 3: $DP_i \rightarrow FR_i$
Since the relationship between FR_i s and DP_i s at the first level is not detailed enough to provide the desired output, the decomposition of the FR_i s is required. For the design defined by the selected set of the $DP1$ and $DP2$, the FR1 may be decomposed into FR11 and FR12 as

FR11 = Assign a call number (ID number) to a new book
FR12 = Generate subject keywords for the new book

FR2 is similarly decomposed as

FR21 = Find relevant reference books
FR22 = Generate a list of relevant references in response to a request

Step 4: $FR_i \rightarrow DP_i$
 DP_i s are now selected to satisfy the second level FR_i s, FR11 and FR12, in the same manner as explained in the step 1.

DP11 = Headline information of the book (field, title, author, publisher, year, etc.)
DP12 = The abstract of the book

In this example, it is assumed that the Library of Congress Classification (LCC) system has been used at the library, which should also be used for the new book. The field, title, authors and other headline information are the key inputs (DP_i) to the call number system which can classify and assign a number to a new incoming book (FR11). Since the LCC system already exists as a subroutine in the designer's data base, the FR11 does not need to be decomposed any further.

The FR12 requires that the new book be registered in the keyword database for the future search purpose. The user typically does not have the exact information about the book being searched. Therefore, the user must generate a query with a series of most appropriate and commonly understood keywords which can properly represent the context of the book. Assuming that the abstract of the book has sufficient information, it is selected as the DP12. However, since the DP12 is not enough to describe the FR12, further decomposition is required which is shown in Step 6 and 7.

Since the call number assignment must be done before the keyword database is generated, the DP11 also affects the FR12. That is, the design is a decoupled design and its design matrix is triangular as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FR11} \\ \text{FR12} \end{array} \right\} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{X O} \\ \text{X X} \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DP11} \\ \text{DP12} \end{array} \right\} \quad (8)$$

STEP 5: FRs \rightarrow DPs
Effective DPs that can control the FR21 and FR22 may be selected as

DP21 = Number of keywords which describe the field of interest
DP22 = String of keywords to find references which contain all of them

To process search query without missing any book which is relevant to the query (FR21), the query need to include as many subject keywords as possible. But, a greater number of keywords will result in a longer list of references, which will make the searcher very time-consuming. Therefore, a cross-indexing method of search using a string of keywords connected by OR, a Boolean operator, is adopted here, which selects the call numbers of books only in the common domain of the keywords when the keywords are connected by the OR operator. The cross-indexing method reduces the size of the reference list effectively, but may increase the possibility of missing relevant references.

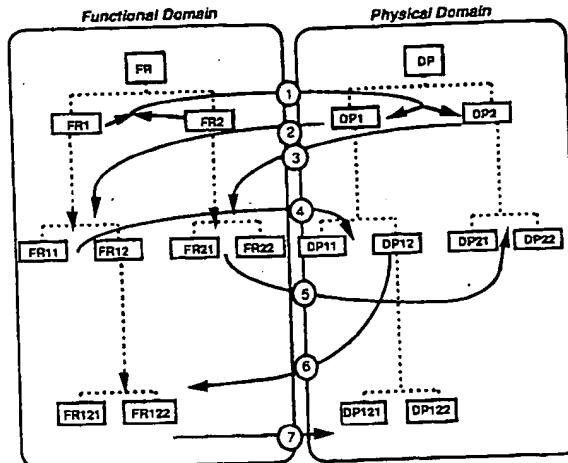


Fig. 4 The Zig-zag Decomposition of the FR and DP Hierarchy Structures
The solid lines show the zig-zagging path of decomposition, whereas the dotted lines indicate the vertical connection in the FR and DP hierarchies.

This design solution is a coupled one. It violates the Independence Axiom. Under normal design situation, one must go back to the "drawing board" and search for an uncoupled design solution. However, for the purpose of illustrating the use of the data flow diagram which is presented later in this paper, it is decided to use this design solution. The design equation for this coupled design may be written as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FR21} \\ \text{FR22} \end{array} \right\} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{X X} \\ \text{X X} \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DP21} \\ \text{DP22} \end{array} \right\} \quad (9)$$

Step 6 and 7:
The FR12 (i.e., generate keywords for the new book) is decomposed for the selected DP12 as

FR121 = Generate keywords for the book
FR122 = Generate a cross-indexing keyword database

The FR121 states that the keyword database should be rich enough not to miss any search query. This can be accomplished by putting every nouns in the abstract of a book to the keyword database, which may be chosen as the DP121. However, if this is done, the size of the database will grow enormously even with a single-paragraph abstract for each book. Therefore, the FR122 is defined so as to generate a cross-indexing keyword database, the size of which is as compact as possible. This may be accomplished by limiting the number of nouns extracted from each abstract. But it will adversely affect the FR121. If it is chosen as the DP122, this design solution would become a coupled design.

The DP122 which satisfies FR122 should not affect the FR121 according to the Independence Axiom. One way of doing it without affecting the FR121 is the use of the concept of synonym dictionary. The synonym dictionary is a new concept of data packing developed in the course of this example. It shrinks the size of the keyword data base by representing many number of nouns extracted from the abstract with a small set of key nouns. This synonym-based keyword data base can be used to retrieve the desired book by means of the synonym dictionary to generate a new set of keywords before beginning the search. Then, the selected set of DPs may be stated as

DP121 = Nouns extracted from the abstract. (trivial ones eliminated)
DP122 = Synonym dictionary

For the purpose of the illustration, we will assume the synonym dictionary is so powerful that the keyword data base can become sufficiently compact. Then, the design matrix is diagonal representing an uncoupled design as:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FR121} \\ \text{FR122} \end{array} \right\} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{X O} \\ \text{O X} \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DP121} \\ \text{DP122} \end{array} \right\} \quad (10)$$

Termination of Decomposition

When the decomposition process propagates down to the lower levels, a designer can reach the level where one or more FRs can be fully satisfied (or controlled) by

the selected set of DPs. If the FRs need not be decomposed any further, they form terminal nodes of the hierarchical tree. The decomposition process terminates when all the branches of the FR tree form the terminal nodes. A terminal node is defined in this paper as a leaf of the FR tree (see Fig. 2).

A module is defined in this study as a block of software which generates an output (physical data form of an FR leaf) from a set of DPs selected. Each FR leaf has one module of software which transforms a set of inputs to the output. For example, the module, M121 in Fig. 5 transforms the DP121 to the FR121.

Based on this process of decomposition and development of uncoupled or decoupled designs, axiomatic design inherently assures good modularity which has been a concern of many CASE (Computer Aided Software Engineering) research groups (5), because the modules are generated to make the associated FRs uncoupled or decoupled. Furthermore they contain less information than coupled designs. A module can be readily coded into a program with a proper set of DPs at this stage of design.

Module-Junction Structure Diagram

Fully decomposed hierarchical trees of FRs and DPs contain sufficient information to build the software system. Modules for FR leaves are coded into programs and can be constructed into a system to function as specified by the consumer. This is the system integration phase of software design.

In order to facilitate the system integration and the immediate access to current CASE users, the hierarchical tree structures of FRs and DPs and the analysis results in the form of design matrix, are represented in a single diagram (Fig. 5). It will be defined as the "Module-Junction Structure Diagram". It is composed of modules and junctions which represents FR leaves and their vertical integration, respectively. For example, the FR12 can be satisfied by having both the FR121 and FR122 satisfied. This brings the question of "How should the outputs of M121 and M122 be put together to generate the FR12?". This can be accomplished by utilizing the readily available analysis result which were used in decomposing the FR12 into FR121 and FR122. This is defined as a junction which vertically integrates child modules into a parent module.

There are three types of junctions in the junction structure diagram: summation (S), control (C), and feedback (F) junctions (Fig. 7). When the child FRs are uncoupled, the parent (but single) FR is satisfied by combining all the outputs of its child modules; this is the summation junction (not an arithmetic summation). When they are decoupled, the parent FR will use the output of the left-hand side module to control the execution of the right-hand side modules. This is the control junction. The coupled junction feedbacks the output of the right-hand side modules to the left, which requires number of iterations in processing data or in use of the program. It should be noted that the coupled junction must be avoided, especially during the decomposition process. When there are many sub-modules included in the feedback junction, the program will quickly become unmanageable.

A main module is defined as that which contains all the junctional properties at each level (Fig. 6). A software system has one main module and n modules corresponding to n FR leaves.

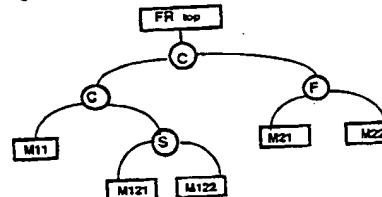


Fig. 5 Module-Junction Structure Diagram

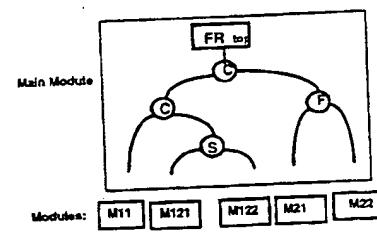


Fig. 6 Modules and the Main Module

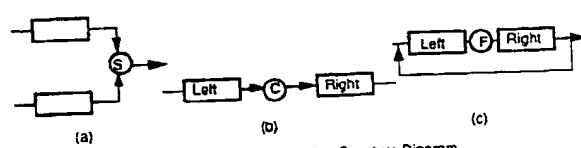


Fig. 7 Junction Properties of the Module-Junction Structure Diagram
(a) Summing Junction (Uncoupled Case) (b) Control Junction (Decoupled Case)
(c) Feedback Junction (Coupled Case)

In the cases of control and feedback junctions, the information should flow from the left-hand module to the right-hand module, whereas in the case of summing junction, the chronological order of the information flow is not important.

Data Flow Diagram

By using the junction characteristics, the module-junction structure diagram can be easily converted to a network-type diagram which shows the flow of data stream among modules (Fig. 8). This is similar to the data flow diagram which has been the key graphical representation in conventional structured analysis and design methods (10). The result of axiomatic design should be the starting point to the programmers who can code programs for each module, all of which then can be structured to develop the main module.

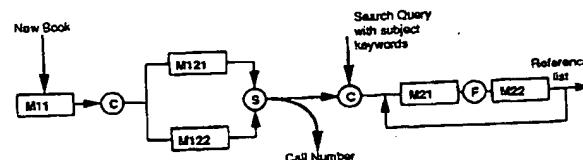


Fig.8 Data Flow Diagram which is derived from the Module-Junction Structure Diagram

Design of a Rib Design Software -- A Case Study

The steps involved in axiomatic approach to software design has been described in preceding sections. In order to illustrate the concepts of axiomatic design further using a manufacturing related example, the design of software system for injection molding of plastic parts will be described in this section.

Consider the design of a injection molded part. The primary shape of an injection molded part is usually designed by an application engineer to satisfy a set of functional requirements, including the desired external appearance. The moldability of the part and its mechanical performance are considered separately from the product design and need to be provided by a mold designer. Supplementary features are then added to the primary shape by experienced mold engineers to reinforce the structure, to facilitate the melt flow and/or to supplement the functional requirements with additional FRs. Ribs and bosses are the typical supplementary features being added to the primary shape of injection molded parts.

The major role of a rib structure is to enhance the structural rigidity of a plastic part while maintaining the uniform wall thickness and minimizing the cycle time of the molding process. A rib can also play a role of a secondary runner which quickly delivers the polymer melt to the remote region where the slow filling may cause defects such as short shots, flow marks, and voids. A bad design of a rib structure may deteriorate the quality of the product by causing sinkmarks, warpage, short shot and difficulty in removing the part from the mold. Therefore, the design task for a rib structure consists of the specification of reinforcing requirements, the choice of shape parameters to meet the reinforcing requirements and moldability, and the check of the procedure for making defect-free parts (9). A software system needs to be developed which can assist mold designers to make the primary shape of a plastic part moldable and mechanically sound.

Top Level of the FR and DP hierarchies
These consumer requirements can be stated as the FRs in the functional domain. The highest level FRs are:

FR1 = Specify reinforcement requirement
FR2 = Generate supplementary geometry
FR3 = Check the performance of the reinforced structure by simulation

The DPs which make the FRs decoupled are selected as

DP1 = Primary shape of the plastic part designed by an application engineer (cavity side)
DP2 = Ribbed structure (core side)
DP3 = Applied loads (expected)

The design matrix at this level is a triangular matrix which indicates that the design solution is decoupled, i.e.,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FR1} \\ \text{FR2} \\ \text{FR3} \end{array} \right\} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} X & O & O \\ X & X & O \\ X & X & X \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DP1} \\ \text{DP2} \\ \text{DP3} \end{array} \right\} \quad (11)$$

At this level, it is recognized that once the DP1 and DP2 are fixed, the FR3 can be readily met by a subroutine which is a commercially available structural analysis software package. (ANSYS is selected in this case study.) Then the FR3 becomes an FR leaf in the functional domain and the subroutine constitutes the module, M3.

The FR1 and the FR2 need to be decomposed further since the design solution can not be finalized by the selected DPs.

Second Level

In order to decide whether the reinforcement is required or not, the structural performance of the given primary geometry under certain loading conditions must be quantified. However, the loading conditions of most plastic parts are not pre-specified explicitly, but are given such as to avoid the allowable maximum deflection of the lid plate or the possible stress concentration at corners and handles, and so forth. Therefore, the use of a complicated finite-element program for the complete structural analysis is not an effective method due to the laborious data preparation effort and enormous computation time.

The FR1 is decomposed as follows:

FR11 = Characterize the structural performance of a primary geometry under implicit loading conditions
FR12 = Calculate the reinforcement requirement

Depending upon the shape of the part, the regions where the maximum deflection or stress concentration occurs are identified by the designer intuitively; for example, the wide bottom plate or the long side edge of the part, which can be simplified to elementary geometries. Likewise, the complex shape of the primary geometry can be characterized by a set of elementary geometries where simple structural formulas for thin plates and beams can be applied as the initial guess for the reinforcing requirements. In this case study, three elementary geometries for the rib reinforcement are formulated, such as; a rectangular plate, a circular plate, and a curved beam to which appropriate structural formulas from handbook can be applied respectively (18). The selected DPs are:

DP11 = Elementary geometries
DP12 = Structural formulas from the handbook

The resulting design matrix becomes a triangular one.

The FR2 is decomposed as

FR21 = Generate ribs which do not deteriorate the manufacturability of the part
FR22 = Generate ribs which can meet the reinforcing requirement

The FR21 can only be satisfied by having both the DPs in the physical domain and the PVs in the process domain not to violate the Independence Axiom. Assuming that the PVs will be selected appropriately, the cross-sectional shape of the rib is the key input which controls the FR21. The number of ribs and their locations should be determined to meet the reinforcing requirements after the cross-sectional parameters are determined. This can be accomplished by determining the moment of inertia of the ribbed structure which is composed of a number of ribs of certain cross-sectional shape to provide an equivalent stiffness to that of the reinforced structure of flat thickness. In this way, the FRs can be decoupled. The DPs that can control FR21 and FR22 are selected as

DP21 = Cross-sectional shape of a rib structure
DP22 = Number of ribs

At this level, it seems that the FR11, FR12, and FR22 can be described by the selected set of DPs. These FRs form the terminal nodes of the FR tree and the software modules for the FR leaves are developed accordingly. On the other hand, the FR21 needs to be decomposed further since the DP31 is not sufficient to describe it.

Third Level
The manufacturability of ribs can be specified so as to assure ejectability, avoid excessive warpage, and minimize the size of a sinkmark which is a local dent formed on the surface opposite to the rib. The FR21 is decomposed as

FR211 = Avoid warpage
FR212 = Assure ejectability
FR213 = Minimize sinkmarks

Cross-sectional parameters of a rib should be determined based on the process characteristics of injection molding. Cross-sectional parameters include the height, the root thickness, the filleting radius, and the draft angle. The wall thickness and the material to be injected are predetermined together with the primary geometry, and will act as constraints. For a given material and wall thickness, the cross-sectional parameters have proper ranges in order to prevent jamming, warping, or sinkmark formation. By considering the major causality between the defects and cross-sectional parameters, the following DPs are selected.

DP211 = Rib height
DP212 = Draft angle
DP213 = Root thickness

However, the design matrix becomes a coupled one if the allowable warpage (given in terms of tolerances) cannot be satisfied by the process as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{FR211} \\ \text{FR212} \\ \text{FR213} \end{array} \right\} = \left[\begin{array}{ccc} X & O & X \\ X & X & O \\ X & X & X \end{array} \right] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{DP211} \\ \text{DP212} \\ \text{DP213} \end{array} \right\} \quad (12)$$

Injection molding is inherently a coupled process between the flow and the solidification of polymer melts (10). Therefore, it is very difficult to select DPs which can make the design matrix uncoupled or decoupled, unless the tolerance is very large. This is an example that the decomposition process may include zig-zagging not only between the FR and DP domains, but also between the DP and PV domains in order to meet the FRs in relation with manufacturability issues. One way of handling this kind of problem (design for manufacture) is the use of the knowledge-based system. The constraints and expert knowledge of determining the cross-sectional parameters between the DPs in the physical domain and process variables in the PV domain are encoded as rules in the expert system module, RIBBER (17). Then the decision of the cross-sectional parameters is to be made through the interaction between the designer and RIBBER. The expert system may give explanations on the causal defects, and warnings and advices to the designer to generate acceptable cross-sectional geometries of ribs.

Module-Junction Structure

As a result of the zig-zag decomposition, hierarchical structures of FRs and DPs are constructed as the part of the axiomatic design. The terminal nodes are formed when the FRs can be satisfied by the selected DPs. A module for each FR leaf can be generated independently as long as the FRs at the same branch are not coupled. Figure 9 shows the module-junction structure diagram of the rib design software which represents both the hierarchical structures and design matrices which are essential to integrate the individually developed modules vertically.

It can be noted that the use of the expert system encapsulates the modules with the feed-back junction, which otherwise will be laborious to develop and also interfere the development of other modules due to their coupled nature.

A more detail report of the development of a rib design software is given by one of the authors elsewhere (9).

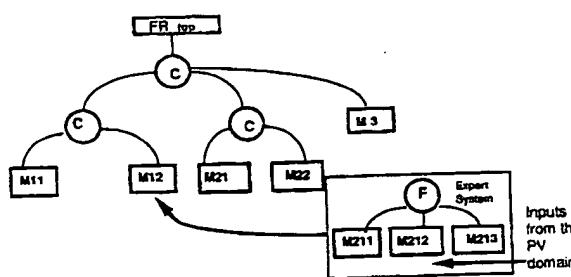


Fig. 9 The Module-Junction Structure Diagram for the Rib Design Software

Axiomatic Design Method v.s. Structured Design Methods

Software system design is a continual mapping process between various domains shown in Fig. 1. It involves specification and decomposition of the functional requirements and design parameters starting from highest level to the lowest level FRs and DPs, including the specifications and constraints from which program code can be routinely generated. Developing a set of correct FRs (or system specifications) is the pre-requisite for sound software development because errors made at this stage affect all subsequent decisions and thus, are difficult to correct (11). This is one of the shortcomings of the current empirical practice, since they often lack rigor in specifying requirements of complex systems (14).

Since the mid 1970s, much progress has been made in software design through the development of structured technologies which systematize the analysis and design of software systems. Structured analysis and structured design are the most popular CASE (Computer Aided Software Engineering) techniques. It is intended to bring structured approach to decision making in requirement analysis and design. SADT (1), DeMarco Analysis Methodology (12), and Gane and Sarson Methodology (13) are some of the well known structured analysis methods for requirement specification, whereas Yordan Design Methodology (16), Jackson Design Methodology (17), Warner-Orr Methodology (18) are commonly cited structured design methods. These methodologies consists of a set of representation techniques including data flow diagrams, entity-relationship diagrams, and structure charts.

Structured analysis methods use a top-down functional decomposition method to define system functional requirements. Structured design methods are created to provide a step-by-step procedure for developing, documenting and evaluating designs (16). All structured techniques have similar underlying concepts which may be stated as follows (14):

- Top-down, hierarchical structuring
- Divide and conquer
- Graphic communication and documentation tools

However, the structured analysis and design methods do not provide decision making criteria as to what constitutes a good design. Consequently, they cannot direct the designer to the optimal design solution in a systematic and scientific manner. Therefore, the use of those structured techniques is still confined to the inter-level consistency checking and user-friendly graphical operations for bookkeeping purposes. Clearly, the major weakness of these methodologies is the absence of fundamental principles and criteria for decision making. Furthermore, the software development is rendered to be unnecessarily complex by not recognizing the existence of distinct domains and the need to map between different domains. These concepts are essential in dealing with complex problems.

SADT (1) has been one of the well known structured analysis and design methodologies. The SA box is the basic idea-entity representing tool of SADT. The four sides of the SA box mean input, output, control, and mechanism as shown in Fig. 10 (a). It is supposed that input is transformed into output under control. However, the four sides of SA box may become very much complicated in respect of axiomatic design as shown in Fig. 10 (b). The "input" may include feedbacks from the outputs of downstream boxes, which is a coupled design and therefore, should be avoided. The "mechanism" of SADT may represent the input from a subroutine to the module which must be handled in the process domain. The

"control" input may be the data flow via the control junction which is the result of a decoupled design as shown in Fig. 7 and 8. Although the decoupled design satisfies the independence axiom, its early introduction at the high level of the FR hierarchy complicates the subsequent design procedure. That is, the design process will become more and more complicated as the decomposition proceeds further. Decoupled designs cannot be handled effectively by SADT since it does not have fundamental principles, criteria, and concept of distinct domains in the process of design.

Axiomatic design is based on the concept that there exists fundamental principles in design. Therefore, it provides a unique design methodology based on the absolute referent (i.e., design axioms) for the synthesis and analysis of design (7). It provides design evaluation criteria, which enable the designer to eliminate poor design solutions at every stage of decision-making and search for new ideas, promptly. They also enable the designer to select the best among those proposed. It incorporates the concept of structured hierarchy, not only in the functional domain but also in the physical and process domains (8).

An Ideal Software System

The Independence Axiom states that at a given level of the FR hierarchy shown in Fig. 2, all the FRs must be maintained independent when DPs are changed to alter their respective FRs. This fact can be used to create a Thinking Design Machine for products and processes (7, 8). This same concept can be used to develop a software design system that will considerably simplify the software design process.

For this purpose, consider a functional requirement hierarchy, where the lowest level FRs (sometimes called "leaves") do not require further decomposition. The upper level FRs can be constructed by means of FR^Ls. Then, we can construct a software module data base as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} FR_1^L &= M(DP_1^1, DP_1^2, DP_1^3, \dots, DP_1^{10}) \\ FR_2^L &= M(DP_2^1, DP_2^2, DP_2^3, \dots, DP_2^{10}) \end{aligned}$$

$$FR_k^L = M(DP_k^1, DP_k^2, DP_k^3, \dots, DP_k^{10}) \quad (12)$$

Equations (12) are a library of softwares (i.e., data base). For example, the first equation for FR_1^L states that any one of the modules (e.g., $DP_1^1, DP_1^2, DP_1^3, DP_1^4$ etc.) in the database can be used to control FR_1^L . Similarly, any one of the DP_k^m can satisfy FR_k^L .

Now suppose we need to develop a software for a problem consisting of the following three leaf FRs: FR_1^L, FR_2^L, FR_3^L . The best software package is the one that consists of DPs which affect only one of the FR^Ls. This can be expressed as

$$\begin{cases} FR_1^L \\ FR_2^L \\ FR_3^L \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} X & O & O \\ O & X & O \\ O & O & X \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} DP_1^{25} \\ DP_2^{18} \\ DP_3^{12} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

In conceptualizing the design solution represented by Eq. (13), only those DPs that affect only one of the FRs are chosen. The above software package is an uncoupled design which satisfies the Independence Axiom.

When we cannot find an uncoupled design, we can look for a decoupled solution which also satisfies the Independence Axiom. For example, when we first look for a DP that can yield FR_1^L , it can be anything in the data base; for example, DP_1^{25} . However, when we then look for the software module that can yield FR_2^L after selecting DP_1^{25} , we must look for a DP_2^m that does not affect FR_1^L . Finally, when we look for a DP_k^m that can satisfy FR_k^L after FR_1^L and FR_2^L are taken care of, there are now two conditions: the DP_k^m in the data base that can satisfy the Independence Axiom is the one that does not affect both FR_1^L and FR_2^L . Then, the design equation for the decoupled software package can be written as:

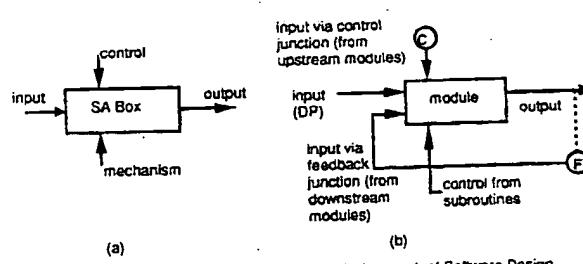
$$\begin{cases} FR_1^L \\ FR_2^L \\ FR_3^L \end{cases} = \begin{bmatrix} X & O & O \\ ? & X & O \\ ? & ? & X \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} DP_1^{25} \\ DP_2^{17} \\ DP_3^{18} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

The question marks indicate that even if the design elements indicated by (?) are not zeros, the software will execute the computation as long as the modules are computed in the sequence indicated, i.e., DP_1^{25} first, then DP_2^{17} , and finally followed by DP_3^{18} . Such a program will involve many control junctions shown in Fig. 7.

If the data base is given for FRs at higher levels, the software can be constructed without regard to the specific level of the FR hierarchy. On the other hand, if the higher level FRs can be constructed from the elementary level FRs through the vertical integration, then, we do not need to have these higher level library of software packages.

The key to the creation of an idealized software package is the creation of the complete data (i.e., module) base.

In many situations, the data base is so extensive that we may be able to find another set of DPs which satisfy FR_1^L, FR_2^L, FR_3^L independently. Then, the question becomes which set is a better solution for the given set of functional requirements.

Fig. 10 Comparison of the SADT and Axiomatic Approach of Software Design
(a) Structural Analysis Box (b) Module-Junction Structure

In order to decide which is a better solution, we have to invoke the information Axiom. FR's may have tolerances associated with them. However, different software modules may yield the results for FR's with different degrees of accuracy. Therefore, the information contents can be computed for each FR's. The best solution, according to the second Axiom, is the one with the minimum information content.

Summary

In this paper, a conceptual framework for software design is presented based on the design axioms. The axiomatic approach for software engineering can be characterized in terms of following:

- 1) The software design begins with the specification of FRs from the perceived needs of the user.
- 2) Axiomatic approach recognizes the existence of the independent domains and spaces in software design.
- 3) The design process requires mapping between these domains.
- 4) There are two design axioms that must be satisfied by the mapping process in order to develop an acceptable software system.
- 5) Each domain has a characteristic vector which can be decomposed to establish a hierarchical tree. In software design, the outputs constitute the FR tree in the functional domain, while key inputs form the DP tree in the physical domain.
- 6) The decomposition process requires zig-zagging between the two adjacent domains.
- 7) The decomposition process terminates when all the branches of the FR hierarchical tree (FR leaves) can be fully satisfied by the selected set of DPs.
- 8) Each FR leaf has one module of software which is the design matrix between the FR leaf and the selected DPs.
- 9) Axiomatic design inherently assures the modularity of the software system since modules are generated to make FRs uncoupled or decoupled.
- 10) The module-junction structure diagram is devised to represent the vertical integration of the modules. Three types of junctions are defined based on the coupling property of the design matrix, such as; summation, control and feedback junctions.

The axiomatic design of software provides the conceptual frame, the principles for software systems, the criteria for acceptable software systems, and a methodology for software development. The concept of the Thinking Design Machine as a tool for software development is established based on these frame, criteria, and methodologies.

Dedication

One of the authors of this paper, Sun-Jae Kim, was a graduate student at MIT, working actively on the project called Thinking Design Machine. He passed away unexpectedly. He was a man with a great promise. His untimely departure from this world is a loss to engineering, industry, and humanity at large.

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